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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVISION

What are administrative rules and are they important to me?

This question may be asked as public libraries receive a draft of proposed changes in the **Administrative Rules** which was mailed from the State Library in early September.

Administrative Rules are made by agencies to which the Legislature gives the rule-making power. They supplement the laws passed by the Legislature. Many libraries which have the **Montana Code Annotated** may have a set of green notebooks shelved somewhere close to the **Code** itself. These contain the **Administrative Rules** in a numbered sequence which matches the numbering system of the law itself. The current **Administrative Rules** pertaining to library services are found in the 4th volume under numbers 10.101.101 to 10.102.8102.

The draft which is currently being considered proposes to repeal rules that are out-of-date, amend rules which have been changed by 1983 legislation, and replace the 1969 public library standards with those approved by the Montana Library Association and the State Library Commission in 1982. Further rules revision on federations and grants will be done in the future.

The rule-making process guarantees that people affected by the rules have a right to make comments, either in writing or at a public hearing. This follows publication in the **Montana Register**. The State Library is circulating a draft for comment prior to publishing it in the **Register**.

If you have not received a copy and would like to comment on this draft, please contact Linda Brander at the State Library for a copy.

LEGISLATURE 1985

The Montana Library Association Legislative Committee met in September to determine what bills will be supported in the 1985 session.

One bill to be drafted is confidentiality of library records.

Other issues being considered are:

- o changes in the library law to allow compensation for State Library Commission members
- o support for the budgets of the Office of Public Instruction, the Historical Society and the Montana State Library
- o a statewide library card.

The Legislative Committee welcomes your support and input into the process. Contact Debbie Schlesinger, Lewis and Clark Library, 120 South Last Chance Mall, Helena, MT 59601, 442-2380.

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION ACTIONS

At its August 25 meeting, the Montana State Library Commission acted on the following:

- o a formal hearing on the denial of Western Montana College Library's Moncat grant application and the decision to affirm its original vote
- o approval of the sexual harrassment and equal employment opportunity policies for the library
- o instructions to the State Library not to offer consulting services to libraries using pirated microcomputer software which violates copyright law
- o approval of the fiscal year 1985 Library Services and Construction Act program, to include funding for a third round of Moncat grants, a demonstration project on the Rocky Boy Reservation, and fund raising workshops.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Sixteen Western states have been invited to send four-member teams to Pomona, California, September 21 to 24, to learn more about **Let's Talk About It**, a two-year project sponsored by the American Library Association and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The project is designed to offer grant money, technical assistance and materials to enable public libraries across the United States to present reading and discussion programs for out-of-school adults.

Members of the Montana team are: Harry Eiss, Northern Montana College (representing the academic community); Dan Rubey, Missoula City-County Library (representing the Montana Committee for the Humanities); Barbara Rudio, Missoula City-County Library (representing the Montana Library Association); and Carole Szetela-Biron, Bozeman Public Library (representing the Montana State Library).

LIBRARY SCHOOL TO CLOSE

On June 21, 1984, the Board of Trustees, University of Denver, voted to reorganize the institution and cut 50 faculty positions. As part of that move, they voted to close the Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management, effective September, 1985. The move to close the school was based on financial considerations.

A major effort is being mounted by the professional leadership in Colorado to pursue the movement of the School to a publicly funded institution.

For more information, write to Ben Franckowiak, Dean, GSLIM, University of Denver, Denver, CO 80208.

GOLDCAT IS BORN

Five county libraries in the Golden Plains Federation are participating in Project Goldcat. Using microcomputers, libraries will add their holdings to the Washington Library Network database. Microfiche editions will be placed in public libraries, and other community locations such as mental health centers, thus allowing many people access to library services.

Shirley Krotz, Glasgow City-County Library Director, is providing training on interlibrary loan procedures and Goldcat formats. Other participating libraries are: Roosevelt, Daniels, Phillips, and Sheridan Counties.

Project Goldcat is scheduled to be completed by 1989. For more information, contact Shirley Krotz.

MONTANA WOMEN'S HISTORY CENTENNIAL PROJECT

The 1989 centennial anniversary of Montana's statehood and the 75th anniversary of women's suffrage in Montana offer unique opportunities for women across the state to consider the contributions women have made to Montana's history and heritage.

The newly formed Bozeman Women's History Group and Missoula Women's History Group have been meeting to design a statewide history project exploring the role of women's voluntary efforts in the building of Montana communities. As pointed out in recent project literature, "many institutions which provide for the welfare and well-being of Montana communities originated and continued to function through the loving work of women's groups. Examples include the establishment of many schools, churches, libraries, cultural activities, political organizations, and health services."

If you wish to be involved in shaping this project or to be on the mailing list for information, write: Montana Women's History Project, c/o Bozeman Women's Group, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717.

JOBLINES UPDATE

Many opportunities exist to determine where jobs are available. The following is a selection of a few joblines. A more complete list can be seen in the July/August 1984 issue of **American Libraries**, pg. 502.

Assn. of College and Research Libraries	(312) 944-6795
Calif. Library Assn. Jobline	(916) 443-1222
Calif. Media and Library Educators Assn.	(415) 697-8832
Colorado State Library Jobline	(303) 866-2210
Midwest Library Job Hotline	(517) 487-5617
Mountain Plains Library Assn.	(605) 624-2511
Nebraska Job Hotline	(402) 471-2045
Oregon Library/Media Jobline	(503) 378-4243
Pacific NW Library Assn. Jobline	(206) 543-2890
Veterans Admin. Library Network	(202) 389-2820

AROUND THE STATE

The magic of thinking big has allowed the community of **Big Fork** to raise approximately $300,000 to remodel its art center and open a library. Monies for the project were raised through grants from the Flathead County Library, LSCA, and various fund-raising activities. The successful campaign cleared enough to remodel the building with funds remaining for an endowment fund. A grand opening took place September 5. The new librarian is **Rita Shaw** who has worked as a volunteer for the past two years at Big Fork's Book Station.

Parmly Billings Library has been awarded a $31,578 grant from the National Library of Medicine to fund the Billings Area Health Sciences Information Consortium (BAHSIC). The majority of the award will be used to hire a medical librarian to improve library services and coordinate resources for local professionals in the health science field.

Dawson Community College Library is on the move. The facility has been remodeled and expanded. The expansion significantly improved the traffic flow according to Library Director **Andrine Haas**. The new facility, Jane Carey Memorial Library, was dedicated on September 12 in memory of Jane Carey who was the college librarian from 1965 to 1975.

Sandy Schwartz is the new head librarian at Fort Peck. She started September 6.

Librarians of Montana institutions met for a retreat at the Blacktail Dude Ranch near Wolf Creek. **Gary Hill**, social service consultant, was the guest speaker. He made presentations on services of institutional libraries, management and stress control. Other presentors were **Curt Chisholm**, Dept. of Institutions, **Sara Parker** and **Linda Brander**, State Library, and **Nancy Collins**, the facilitator.

Participating librarians were from correctional facilities, mental institutions and geriatric programs. The retreat was sponsored by the Montana State Library.

The **Sidney Public Library** faces a 13% decrease in funding and a 12% increase in patron use. The 15,000 volume library is going to feel the pinch, but **Sue Morrison**, Library Director, vows she will do the best she can with available funding.

Final touches are being completed on the **Prairie County Library's** new addition. Funds for the project were raised over a five-year period by the community of Terry, MT. **Bette Dunnam**, Librarian, indicated that a grand opening is planned for December 2, 1984.

Judith Meadows, formerly the Director of the Fairfax County Law Library, Fairfax, Virginia, is now the Montana State Law Librarian.

This year's budget for **Jefferson County** includes **two microcomputers** for the libraries at Boulder and Whitehall. Library Directors **Diana Vance** and **Margie Kieckbusch** are interested in ways to use their new computers and welcome any advice.

Since the bookmobile service was discontinued in **Powder River County**, successful alternatives have been found to deliver materials to rural areas. **Bob Brooks**, trustee, Henry Malley Memorial Library, Broadus, indicated that both United Parcel Service (UPS) and the school County Superintendent's Office are used to deliver books. According to Brooks, the new system has been more economical and services have not been hindered.

State Library personnel changes: **Charlotte LeVasseur**, Supervisor, Technical Services, resigned August 31. **Darlene Staffeldt** is the new supervisor of that department. **Bruce Newell** accepted a position with the Montana Department of Administration, Information Services Division, beginning September 21. New staff members in the Technical Services Department are **Vicki Terbovich** and **Diana Halverson.**

The Carroll College Library welcomes two new staff members. They are: **Jim Beasley**, Serials/ Reference Librarian, and **Jennifer Kolmes**, Cataloger.

Polson City Library Director as of July 26 is **Carlene Barnett.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Brander is the new editor of the **Montana State Library News.** If you have articles or ideas, send them to her or call 444-2064.

IBM is offering a 30% **discount** on their personal computers, software and peripherals to school districts and local governments. The offer extends through September 1985. Sales offices are located in Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Helena, Miles City and Missoula.

The report of the **Federation Review** Committee of the Montana State Library Commission has been distributed to all libraries in Montana. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the State Library.

Grit, Guts & Gusto, a history of Hill County, is now available from the Havre Public Library. Proceeds from the sale will go to the library building fund. For more information, contact **Bill Lisenby,** Library Director.

An archives seminar is scheduled for October 25 in conjunction with the **Eleventh Annual Montana History Conference.** The workshop will be held at the Yogo Inn, Lewistown. It is limited to 35 participants. Discussion will include care and organization of archival materials (unpublished papers, letters, financial records, minutes). Individuals will learn how to identify archival materials, proper storage, arrangement, conservation, access, description, sorting and cleaning. If you are interested, contact: Dept. of Education, Montana Historical Society, 225 North Roberts, Helena, MT 59620.

On October 16 and 17 the Wyoming State Library will sponsor a workshop on **Library Disaster Recovery.** It will be held at the Coe Library, University of Wyoming. Techniques will be demonstrated for handling library materials damaged by mildew, insects, water, smoke or fire. For more information, contact Corky Walters, Continuing Education, Wyoming State Library, Supreme Court Building, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

UPDATE ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Dates for the Financial Management Workshops have been finalized. They are

November 2, 1984 - Parmly Billings Library
November 3, 1984 - Glendive Courthouse Community Room
November 7, 1984 - Bozeman Public Library
November 8, 1984 - Great Falls Public Library
November 9, 1984 - Missoula City-County Library

Speakers for the workshops are: Gordon Harris, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties, library trustees, and state auditors. Agenda items will include budget policies and procedures, successful budget presentations, and information on BARS (Budget Accounting and Reporting System).

Specific details will be mailed to all public libraries and chairs of boards of trustees in early October. For more information, contact Alene Cooper, Montana State Library.

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October	
5 to 6	Montana Library Association School Library Media Division retreat, Fort Peck
11 to 12	Montana Library Services Advisory Council meeting, Helena
18 to 19	Fall Conference on Exceptionality, Colonial Inn, Helena
19 to 20	Montana Library Association School Library Media Division retreat, Bucks T Bar 4, Big Sky
19 to 20	Montana Library Association School Library Media Division retreat, Izaak Walton Inn, Essex
24 to 25	Chief Officers of State Library Agencies fall meeting, Montpelier, Vermont
25	Montana State Library Commission meeting, Anaconda
25 to 27	11th Annual Montana History Conference, Yogo Inn, Lewistown
29	Interlibrary Loan Committee meeting, Helena
31 to Nov. 4	American Association of School Libraries (AASL) Conference, Atlanta
November	
2	Financial Management workshop, Parmly Billings Library
3	Financial Management workshop, Glendive
7	Financial Management workshop, Bozeman
8	Financial Management workshop, Great Falls Public Library
9	Financial Management workshop, Missoula Public Library
9	Collection Development meeting, Helena
10	MEDLARS Update, Montana State University Library, Bozeman (Call 1-800-332-4570)
16	Automation Committee, State Library, Helena
December	
2	Prairie County Library Grand Opening, Terry
7	Montana State Library Commission meeting, Helena

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January	
5 to 10	ALA Midwinter, Washington, DC
February	
22	Interlibrary Loan Committee meeting, Helena
March	
4 to 8	National Women's History Week
April	
22 to 28	National Volunteer Week
May	
2 to 4	Montana Library Association meeting, Lewistown
14	1990 Census, Local Public Meeting, Helena
21	Interlibrary Loan Committee meeting, Helena
July	
6 to 11	ALA Conference, Chicago
August	
18 to 24	International Federation of Library Associations annual conference, Chicago

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April	
2 to 5	Public Library Association National Conference, St. Louis

PLEASE NOTIFY THE STATE LIBRARY OF ANY EVENTS
WHICH YOU WISH PUT ON THIS CALENDAR.

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